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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Great Lakes Asphalt Site

Dear Mr. Felitti:

This letter is written on behalf of A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company ("Staley") in response to your letter of September 4, 1991 concerning the above site. Pursuant to the agreement confirmed in Laurel A. Bedig's letter of October 2, 1991, this response is due November 18, 1991.

Staley has no records indicating any connection with the Great Lakes Asphalt Site and denies that it generated and/or transported hazardous substances which were disposed of at the site. Therefore, Staley believes it has no legal obligation concerning this site.

Nevertheless, solely in an effort to avoid the high costs and other effects of protracted litigation, Staley is willing to consider the settlement of this matter if reasonable terms can be agreed upon.

In your September 4, 1991 letter you suggest that potential settlers form a group and decide upon an allocation among themselves. As you know, a number of PRPs involved in a settlement concerning the Enviro-Chem site sent you a letter dated December 11, 1990. My file does not indicate any response from you or the E.P.A. to that letter.

Staley believes that there may be on-going discussions with PRPs who were part of the Enviro-Chem settlement. Staley would like to be advised of the status of those discussions, either by you or that group.

By submitting this letter Staley does not admit, accept or acknowledge any liability or fault with respect to, arising out of or relating to the Great Lakes Asphalt Site.

Very truly yours,

Marc W. Larson
Corporate Counsel

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